

contained in Executive Order 12612 and have determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environmental Assessment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impact of this rule and has determined pursuant to figure 2-1, paragraph 32(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, that this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A Categorical Exclusion determination has been prepared and is available for inspection and copying in the docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

Final Regulations

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends Part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 117—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); Section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

§ 117.261 [Removed and Reserved]

2. In § 117.261, remove and reserve paragraph (f).

Dated: May 18, 1998.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD 08-98-023]

Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Dulac Bayou, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation in 33 CFR 117.5 governing the operation of the SR 57 swing span drawbridge across Dulac Bayou, mile 0.6, at Dulac, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. This deviation allows the Louisiana Department of Transportation and

Development to close the bridge from 7 a.m. and noon and from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., on July 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29, 1998. The span will open for the passage of traffic from noon until 12:30 on each of these days. The bridge will operate normally at all other times. This temporary deviation is issued to allow for the cleaning and painting of the swing span, an extensive but necessary maintenance operation.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on July 6 until 3:30 p.m. on July 29, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Phil Johnson, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (ob), Eighth Coast Guard District, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130-3396, telephone number 504-589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SR 57 swing span drawbridge across Dulac Bayou, mile 0.6, in Dulac, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, has a vertical clearance of 7 feet above high water in the closed-to-navigation position and unlimited clearance in the open-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists of tugs with tows, fishing vessels, sailing vessels, and other recreational craft. The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requested a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the bridge in order to accommodate the maintenance work. The maintenance work involves cleaning and painting of the swing span. This work is essential for the continued operation of the draw span.

This deviation allows the draw of the SR 57 swing span bridge across Dulac Bayou, mile 0.6, at Dulac to remain in the closed-to-navigation position between 7 a.m. and noon and from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., on July 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29, 1998. The span will open for the passage of traffic from noon until 12:30 on each of these days. The bridge will operate normally at all other times.

This deviation will be effective from 7 a.m. on July 6 until 3:30 p.m. on July 29, 1998. Presently, the draw opens on signal at any time.

Dated: June 11, 1998.

A.L. Gerfin, Jr.,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, 8th Coast Guard Dist.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Lafourche Bayou, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the SR 1 vertical lift bridge across Lafourche Bayou, mile 13.3, in Leeville, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. This deviation allows the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to close the bridge to navigation from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m.; 9:30 a.m. until noon; 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.; and 3:30 p.m. until 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, from August 3, 1998, until October 2, 1998. This temporary deviation is issued to allow for general maintenance repairs.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on August 3, 1998, until 7 p.m. on October 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Phil Johnson or Mr. David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (ob), Eighth Coast Guard District, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3396, telephone number 504-589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SR 1 vertical lift span bridge across Lafourche Bayou at Leeville, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana has a vertical clearance of 40 feet above mean high water in the closed-to-navigation position. Mean high water elevation is 3 feet above Mean Sea Level (MSL). Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of fishing vessels, some tugs with tows and occasional recreational craft. Presently, the draw opens on signal for the passage of vessels.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requested a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the bridge in order to do maintenance work on the bridge. The work consists of mechanical, electrical, and structural repairs which require the bridge to remain in the closed to navigation position for several hours at a time. During portions of this repair work, scaffolding may be placed below the bridge over the navigation channel reducing the approved vertical